

An Explanation of the STRANGE and WONDERFUL PROPHECIES

That was found in the foundation of the Foundling Hospital, London. With a further description and explanation of that WONDERFUL CHILD that is to be seen at this time in said Hospital.

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THIS wonderful Prophecy has raised much talk and wonder through Great Britain and most parts of the Christian world, and is thought worthy of correction and further explanation, by some of the great men of the age. The Prophecy is supposed to be wrote by Christopher Love, that holy minister, prophet and martyr, as the two first letters of his name was at the bottom of the roll, and the date answereth thereto, as it was buried in 1649, two years before he suffered on Tower-hill, for the great Gospel truth he spoke; and that the Prophecy was written on parchment, in dark and mysterious sentences and characters, inclosed in an earthen pot, ten foot under ground—"Happy is the man that findeth this prophecy, and happy is the house that receiveth the same. It shall not be subject to fire, nor shall their women be subject to pain in child bearing." Moreover, he describes the house and remarkable child, as follows:—"The house shall be raised by the charity of many persons where this Prophecy shall be found; and in this house shall a child be brought up, who shall be an instrument in the hand of the Lord, to haste to reform his churches, and to pull down superstition and idolatrous worship through-out the known world. At the birth of this child England shall be engaged in a tedious and bloody war; he shall be sent with presents of gold tied up in his girdle; he shall have a lopped hand, and two thumbs on the same; his toes shall be double, and webbed to the end; he shall have ten moles on the right breast, and the form of an anchor on the left, and his name shall be sent in his bosom; it shall begin with J. B. All those signs is on this wonderful child which is now in the Foundling Hospital: At this time he shall work a mighty deliverance for the kingdoms of Great-Britain and Ireland; he shall be a scourge to France and Spain; he shall cause the great Empire of the Turks to tremble and to bow under to the holy gospel; he shall march in great state, and display the Christian banners from the great Sea to the river. He shall be a faithful subject, and in great repute with his king and nobles. He shall appoint him commander and chief on a surprising expedition; he shall be as a rum of thunder in the ears of the wicked; as a lanthorn and light to the Jews to lead them to the knowledge of the Messiah, whom they so long mistrusted; for the Lord will make a short work on the earth at this time, says the Prophet. He shall be beloved of kings and princes and bear a great sway among the nobles. He shall be sent forth as a champion before the people. He shall be a scourge to France, who in the end shall sue for peace. He shall strike many kings and princes with dread, so that one knee shall knock against the other. He shall be an instrument to have the church of CHRIST more firmly established in its purity: He shall be sent under the banners of righteousness, to conquer the nations that persecute Christ's Church.

At the birth of this child, a long and bloody war will ensue; the kings of the East, the West and the South, and the Western prince will go to the assistance of an Eastern prince, who with great power will defeat her enemies.

In those days will arise a dreadful contagion in the kingdom of the Gauls, which will create a great devastation in a particular part of that nation; the desolation will be great, and the ruin very terrible, so that the living will not be able to bury the dead: the proudest city in the world will fall as ashes, and become the bye-word of other nations, nor will it stop there, for it will spread further towards the South, and destroy the troops of a daring monarch, who will level it with the dust.

At the conclusion of these things, a war shall arise in the West country, the issue of which will be doubtful for a long time. Our young Foundling will suddenly march under the banner of a successful monarch, and make a great conquest; and upon his return, will be created a Peer of the nation, and be adored of the people for his fidelity and steady adherence to the crown.